




WEST LEIGH JUNIOR SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Friday 24th January 2025

Absent: All classes, except for 6W, were represented at today's meeting.

Agenda Item	Action Points
School Dinners	<p>Today, the School Council were joined by Mrs Froydenland and Mrs Freeman (the catering manager) from the infants, to talk about school dinners. Councillors were pleased to have the opportunity to share the thoughts and ideas that had been gathered from across the junior school.</p>  <p>Points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Froydenland and Mrs Freeman were pleased to hear that the children particularly enjoy the fish fingers, chicken burgers, chilli-con-carne, chicken curry and bolognaise. She went on to explain that due to strict food regulations, they are not able to serve processed food more than twice each week so the chicken burger cannot be served more frequently.• When councillors raised concerns about the wet plates, Mrs Froydenland explained that this is due to how well the plastic dries in the drying machine. Unfortunately, the new plates take longer to dry so over time, she hopes this problem will reduce. Children are encouraged to wipe wet plates with blue paper towel that's available in the dining hall, if necessary.• Councillors went on to request a wider variety of salad options, including cherry tomatoes, peppers, baby corn, lettuce and olives. Although some of these items have been available in the past, they did not get eaten. Mrs Froydenland is willing to offer a wider variety of salad, if eaten. Children are reminded that they are allowed to take more than one of each item. Look out for new salad options soon.• Although roast dinner is a popular option, councillors raised concerns that the chicken is sometimes dry and chewy. Mrs Freeman has agreed that they will try some different cuts, such as chicken thighs, to see if this helps.• Mrs Froydenland agreed that when condiments (such as ketchup or mayonnaise) were on the menu, these could be made available in

squirty bottles, as long as children did not take more than one serving. If children are not sensible with the bottles, they will have to be taken away.

- When councillors raised a concern that the dinner ladies do not always wear hair-nets, Mrs Froydenland said she believed that their hair is always tied back and that hats are worn.

Towards the end of the meeting, Mrs Froydenland and Mrs Freeman said that they would like to give the juniors the opportunity to design their own menu choice for one day each week. The menu would need to adhere to the strict food regulations about ingredients and cost. If you have any ideas for dishes you think would work well on the school dinner menu, please let your class councillor know so all ideas can be discussed. Councillors will take everyone's ideas into account before sharing the menu choice with Mrs Froydenland.

Meeting Concluded: 12.30pm

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 7th February